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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, HU, VS

SUBJECT: GOH STATEMENT ON ATROCITIES BOOK

REFS: 1) SAIGON 17142; 2) STATE 195113, 3) BUDAPEST

3410 AND 4) BUDAPEST 3456

1. EMBOFF CALLED TO FONMINISTRY PRESS SECTION TODAY TO RECEIVE FORMAL REPLY TO AMBASSADOR'S APPROACH REGARDING VIETNAM BOOK (REF 3) WRITTEN BY MEMBER OF HUNGDEL ICCS.

2. READING FROM PREPARED DOCUMENT, FONMIN OFFICIAL STATED THAT ALL MATERIAL FOR BOOK ASSEMBLED BEFORE AUTHOR (GORGY MATE) ASSIGNED TO VIETNAM. ALSO SAID BOOK NOT PUBLISHED IN HUNGARY, BUT BY INTERNATIONAL JOURNALIST ASSOCIATION IN PRAGUE, AND THAT MATE WAS NOT ASSIGNED TO VIETNAM IN JOURNALISTIC CAPACITY.

3. WHEN ASKED WHETHER BOOK COULD ONLY HAVE BEEN PUBLISHED WITH GOH PERMISSION, FONMIN SOURCE REFUSED "TO SPECULATE ON THAT." IN REPLY TO QUESTION ABOUT
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JOURNALISTIC ACTIVITIES BY MEMBERS OF HUNGDEL ICCS

(BUDAPEST 3456) FONMIN OFFICIAL SAID ALL INQUIRIES
ON THAT SUBJECT MUST BE DIRECTED TO VIETNAM SECTION
OF MINISTRY.

4. FONMIN OFFICIAL DID CONFIRM THAT MATE BOOK CONTAINS
PHOTOS OF ALLEGED U.S. ATROCITIES, BUT CLAIMED THAT ALL
PHOTOS SECURED FROM U.S. NEW SOURCES. SOURCE ALSO
ADMITTED THAT BOOK TRANSLATED INTO SEVERAL
LANGUAGES.

5. COMMENT: WE HAVE STILL BEEN UNABLE TO LOCATE BOOK
IN STORES HERE. REQUEST AMEMBASSY PRAGUE CHECK STORES
THERE AND SEND US, DEPARTMENT AND SAIGON COPIES. IF
TEXT IN ANY WAY INDICATES MATE CONNECTION WITH ICCS
WE BELIEVE WE SHOULD MAKE FURTHER OFFICIAL
PROTEST TO GOH.

6. DEPARTMENT PLEASE REPEAT REFTELS TO PRAGUE.
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